

BARRE FOWLS WIN MANY FIRST PRIZES

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and pullet, A. C. McClure; third, A. P. Abbott & Son; fourth, A. C. McClure; fifth, W. H. Westcott.

First pen fowls, W. Brown, Barre; second pen, W. B. Scott; third pen, A. C. McClure; fourth pen, W. B. Scott; fifth pen, A. C. McClure.

First pen chicks, W. B. Scott; second pen, B. J. and A. C. Carpenter, Washington; third pen, W. B. Scott; fourth pen, W. C. Belknap, Bellows Falls; fifth, Mrs. A. S. Foster, East Montpelier.

Shape special on male of Barre Plymouth Rock breed, W. Brown, Barre; special on male, C. W. McMillan, Jr., Barre; shape special on female and color special on female, W. B. Scott.

Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds—First cock, D. P. Lafabre, West Berlin; second cock, A. P. Abbott & Son, Barre; third cock, D. P. Lafabre; fourth cock, W. H. Westcott, Barre.

First hen, A. P. Abbott & Son; second hen, Currier & Lyon, Barre; third hen, D. P. Lafabre; fourth hen, Currier & Lyon; fifth hen, A. P. Abbott & Son.

First cockerel, A. P. Abbott & Son; second cockerel, A. P. Abbott & Son; third cockerel, A. P. Abbott & Son; fourth cockerel, A. P. Abbott & Son; fifth cockerel, Mrs. Charles A. Clark, Barre.

First pullet, D. P. Lafabre, West Berlin; second and third, Currier & Lyon; fourth pullet, W. Brown, Barre; fifth, Currier & Lyon.

First pen fowls, Currier & Lyon; second, Currier & Lyon; third, A. P. Abbott & Son.

First pen chicks, A. P. Abbott & Son; second and third, Currier & Lyon; fourth, George Ross, Barre; fifth, A. P. Abbott & Son.

Color special, male, Currier & Lyon; shape special, male, A. P. Abbott & Son; color special, female, D. P. Lafabre, West Berlin; shape special, female, A. P. Abbott & Son.

Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds—First cock, Moir & Chesser, Barre; second cock, Estabrook & Heath, Barre; third cock, W. Brown; fourth cock, B. Curtis, Barre; fifth cock, Currier & Lyon, Barre.

First hen, Currier & Lyon, Barre; second hen, W. H. Westcott, Barre; third hen, B. Curtis, Barre; fourth hen, Currier & Lyon; fifth, Moir & Chesser.

First cockerel, Moir & Chesser; second, W. Brown, Barre; third, W. H. Westcott, Barre; fourth cockerel, W. Brown; fifth, Currier & Lyon.

First pullet, Moir & Chesser; second pullet, Moir & Chesser; third, W. Brown; fourth, Currier & Lyon; fifth, C. A. and H. G. Dodge, Barre.

First pen fowls and second pen, Currier & Lyon; first pen chicks, Currier & Lyon; second, Moir & Chesser; third, Currier & Lyon; fourth, W. Brown; fifth, W. Brown.

Color special, male, Moir & Chesser; shape special, male, Moir & Chesser; color special, female, Moir & Chesser; shape special, female, C. A. and H. G. Dodge, Barre.

White Plymouth Rocks—First cock, H. D. Hopkins, Montpelier; second and third cocks, C. L. Curtis, St. Albans.

First hen and second, H. D. Hopkins; third, fourth and fifth, C. L. Curtis, St. Albans.

First cockerel, H. D. Hopkins; second, C. L. Curtis; third, H. D. Hopkins; fourth, C. L. Curtis; fifth, H. D. Hopkins.

Pullets, first and second, H. D. Hopkins; third and fourth, C. L. Curtis; fifth, H. D. Hopkins.

Special shape, male, H. D. Hopkins; color special, male, H. D. Hopkins; and shape and color special, female, H. D. Hopkins.

STATE POULTRY SHOW

Will Be Held in St. Albans Jan. 16, 17, 18, and 19.

The premium list of the fifteenth exhibition of the Vermont State Poultry association, which will be held in the city hall at St. Albans, Jan. 16-19, 1912, is just off the press and ready for distribution. Anyone desiring a copy should address the secretary, W. B. Witters, St. Albans.

The officers are planning on a bigger show than ever, even surpassing that of last year, when 1,400 birds were in competition. A large number of pen coops and regulation bantam coops have been

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built to take care of the expected large list of entries.

The association offers 30 silver cups beside over \$700 in regular cash prizes and specials.

This year the Rhode Island Red Club of America offers two beautiful silver cups, one for single comb and one for the rare comb varieties, to be competed for at this show.

The State Fair silver cup for Plymouth Rocks, which has been contested for during the past ten years, will be competed for at this time for the final award and a large entry is expected in the Rock classes.

The Waltham \$50 challenge cup for best display which has been won twice by D. B. Braymer of Pawlet, will attract some of the large breeders of many varieties and the competition will be warm.

E. R. Philo again offers a silver cup for best display of poultry raised by the Philo system.

There will be a big display of incubators, brooders, and poultry supplies and appliances.

H. B. May of Boston and D. F. Shove of Fall River, Mass., will do the judging.

This assures impartial awards.

The Vermont State poultry show is considered one of the best in New England and everything bids fair for a repetition of past successes.

GROTON.

Rev. P. A. Smith of Bradford was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. W. G. Welch has been severely ill for the past week.

Frederic Cole of Manchester, N. H., was a visitor in town over Christmas.

Mrs. R. N. Darling and daughters, Ruth and Evalona, went to Bradford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Markham visited Mr. Markham's people at Wells River over Sunday.

Raymond Scott of Lyndonville was a visitor at Mrs. Clara Parks' over Sunday and Monday.

Miss Blanche Thurston returned Monday from a stay of several days with friends at Barre.

R. N. Darling returned from Bradford Saturday afternoon and passed Christmas with his family.

M. D. Coffin, who was ill Sunday and Monday with an attack of acute indigestion, is recovering.

William Chamberlain of Newbury loaded a carload of livestock at this station Monday morning.

Morris Coffin of Burlington was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Coffin, from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mrs. W. H. Henderson, who has been in town since the middle of August, went to her home at Boltonville, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Pillsbury of Barre were in town over Sunday and Monday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pillsbury.

Henry Darling, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darling several days, returned to his home at Marshfield, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitehill and little daughter of St. Johnsbury arrived Saturday and passed Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Whitehill, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones.

William Annis received news Saturday of the death of his brother, Charles Annis, at Prescott, Ariz. The body is expected to arrive here some time this week. Mr. Annis went west some ten years ago.

Levi Wilson was called to South Corinth, Monday, by the death of his father, Isaac Wilson, which occurred on Sunday morning. The body was brought here for burial Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Wilson was sixty-seven years of age. He was born in Groton, where he lived until twenty-four years ago he moved to Corinth. He is survived by his wife, who was Caroline Heath of this town, and three sons and two daughters.

HANCOCK.

Sadie Taylor is living in the family of Joe Smith.

Raymond Martin spent a few days in Rochester last week.

Chester Lewis is working for Farr and Kennedy in their mill at West Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butters will go to Pittsfield to spend Christmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Orrell Hanks.

The Champion Realty company's big log hauler passed through here on its way to Granville, where it will haul logs this winter. As it resembled a train of cars more nearly than anything else, a large crowd was out to see it go by.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. A. D. Martin. As it was a business meeting, there was no literary program. The next meeting will be in two weeks, with Mrs. Alice Leonard. Subject, "Gospel Temperance."

RANDOLPH.

Robert Adams, who was summoned here from Denver, Col., by the death of his father, left Tuesday for that city.

William Cushman and Mrs. Mary K. Andrews, both of this place, were married on Sunday evening by H. W. Vail, justice of the peace, at the home of the latter.

Misses Marion and Dorothy Hamilton, who have been here from Woodstock with their grandparents for several days, went to Barre on Tuesday for a visit with friends.

Rev. J. W. Chesbro attended the funeral, on Monday, of Alonzo Williams, who lived with Theodore Williams on the Brantree road. Deceased had reached the age of 77 years and was unmarried.

Miss Ruth Smith, the daughter of Mrs. Charles Smith, is home from Springfield, Mass., where she holds a position as stenographer, to pass a few days with her mother. Tuesday they went to East Granville to visit Mrs. Joseph Manning.

The local Odd Fellows lodge held their annual meeting and elected the following officers on Tuesday night to serve them through the coming year: Noble grand, O. R. Greene; vice grand, W. H. Pelton; secretary, Ned C. Buck; treasurer, A. M. Hubbard; representatives to the grand lodge, F. A. Salisbury and J. G. Erskine.

About 250 children were made happy on Monday afternoon by the free entrance to the Star theatre, where were shown pictures appropriate to the Christmas season, and at its close, each one was treated to a cone of ice cream. It is not generally known who the benefactor is, but the management of the same fell to the lot of Prin. E. G. Ham, who made the arrangements and attended to the serving of the ice cream at the close.

The funeral of Charles Holman was held from the home of his sister, Mrs. Stewart, on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Chesbro officiating, and interment was made in the family lot in Southview cemetery.

Mr. Holman was born 53 years ago, the son of Jonathan and Hannah (Morse) Holman, and nearly all his life had been spent in this vicinity. He was largely known among horse dealers in the state, and in his own town, he entered into other lines of business. Deceased is survived by one brother, Justin Holman, of this place, Misses Alice and Lavinia Holman, and Mrs. C. L. Stewart of this place, and Mrs. Jennie Baldwin of Somerville, Mass., all of whom were present. A son by a former marriage also survives him.

ROCHESTER.

Evelyn Eaton has been in Boston with her brother for a few days.

Fay Martin is home from Goddard seminary for the holiday vacation.

Jesse Billings was called to Rutland to see his mother, who is dangerously ill.

Mrs. Vincent Gilpin of Missouri is spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Al Jewett.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Washburn have gone to Concord, N. H., where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rich are at home from their wedding trip and live in the house recently built by W. H. Campbell.

The books donated to the town library by the Colonel Clark estate are being catalogued and a list will be given soon.

Mrs. Julia Parmenter has returned from the Mary Fletcher hospital and will make her home for the present with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Sird.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

Call at Williams' for daily reminders. We have a few left to close out by New Year's.

Kinsman Martin went yesterday to Boston to visit his sister, who lives there.

The regular meeting of Fraternity Rebekah lodge will be held to-morrow evening at 7:30. Election of officers.

Solon Hutchins and Glenn Smith left yesterday morning for Burlington to attend the university of Vermont State Agricultural college.

WEBSTERVILLE.

The Christmas entertainment for the Sunday school of the Baptist church of Websterville was held Christmas night and an excellent program was rendered. The committee on decoration made a very artistic display with garlands and trimmings throughout the room. An exceptionally large tree was well laden with gifts. A handsome oak rocker was presented Mrs. R. L. Carter, from the juniors, and a sum of money was given the pastor, from the friends and members of the church, for which they express their thanks.

CALLED IN THE DOCTOR.

Then He and the Patient Found They Were Two of a Kind.

In the Metropolitan theater the house physician has a seat given him for each performance. He is supposed to be there every evening. Naturally there comes a time when the play begins to pall on him. One evening not long ago the stage manager of a local playhouse rushed down the aisle to the doctor's seat and whispered: "Come back at once. The leading lady has had an attack."

In the lady's dressing room all was confusion. "What'll we do, doc?" cried the stage manager.

"Have you poured water on her head?"

"Yes, a whole bucket, out of the one that says 'Not to be used except in case of fire.'"

"Then don't pour any more. I fear you have made a fatal mistake. Run out to the drug store and get this filled."

When they had run out the lady opened her eyes. "Doc," she gasped, "you're a good fellow, ain't you? I know you know there's nothing the matter with me. I want a day off, and I don't want to go on in this act. Can you fix it?"

"I sure can," he answered, wringing her hand sympathetically. "I ain't a doctor, I came in on his ticket. We'll fix it!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

IN LOCAL MARKETS

Fresh Eggs Are More Plenty and Prices Easier

DRESSED PORK UNCHANGED

Potato Prices Are Firm and Bring 80 Cents a Bushel—Butter Brings 32c for Dairy and 35c for Creamery.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 27, 1911.

Fresh eggs more plenty. Dressed pork unchanged. Potato prices firm.

Wholesale quotations: Dressed pork—8c. Dressed veal—9½¢@10c. Lamb—10¢@11c. Fowls—14c. Chickens—17c.

Fresh eggs—38¢@40c. Butter, creamery—35c. Butter, dairy—32c. Potatoes—80c.

RICKER'S MARKET REPORTS

Poultry Receipts Smaller at 80¢ Cents—Milk Cows, \$40@50.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 27.—Receipts at W. A. Ricker's market for week ending Christmas day were:

Poultry—800, 8¢@9c. Lamb—50, 4¢@5½c. Hogs—200, 6¢@5½c. Cattle—40, 1½¢@5½c. Calves—25, 3¢@4½c. Milk cows—20, \$40@50.

NORTHFIELD.

Body of Mrs. William B. Mayo Brought From Burlington.

The remains of Mrs. William B. Mayo, who died at the Mary Fletcher hospital Tuesday morning, were brought to her home here on the afternoon train. Mrs. Mayo went to Burlington some two weeks ago for treatment and underwent an operation. She had been making a satisfactory recovery until Monday, when a change for the worse came and her friends were summoned. Besides her husband and two children, Mrs. Mayo leaves several sisters and a host of friends, who will truly mourn her sudden death. The funeral will be held at the Congregational church in Northfield to-morrow morning at 10:30, with burial in Williamstown.

Miss Mae Morrill is spending the vacation with friends in Morrisville.

Miss Maude Howes has returned from a six weeks' stay in Boston and vicinity.

Robert Belknap of Dartmouth College, is a guest at the home of C. A. Edger-ton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reed are spending a week with their daughter, in Hardwick.

Mrs. Daniel Davis is critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Spooner.

Mrs. William Jackson of Middlebury is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McIntosh.

Miss Florence Morse of Waterbury was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Batchelder, yesterday.

John Davis and Alton Edger-ton, who are attending school at Worcester academy, are guests of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving C. Ellis left Sunday for Brattleboro, where they will spend three weeks at the home of Mrs. Ellis' parents.

Misses Margaret, Mame, and Alice Doyle of Boston and Springfield, Mass., are spending the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Doyle.

Miss June Joslyn of Montclair, N. J., and Clyde Joslyn of the New Hampshire State Agricultural college, are spending the Christmas vacation at the home of their father, F. A. Joslyn.

WOLCOTT.

Bert Potter is ill with pneumonia.

Bert Hubbard is home from Fletcher.

Arthur Anstin was home from Hardwick Monday.

Mrs. C. J. Kimball of Hardwick was in town Monday.

C. B. Graves of Hardwick was a visitor in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fife were visitors at A. J. Valleur's in Morrisville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Goodrich of Hardwick were visitors at H. A. Parker's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fisher were guests at Fred Gilbert's in Morrisville Monday.

Mrs. Otto Blodgett of Morrisville was a guest of her mother, Mrs. W. O. Davis, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stevens of Morrisville were guests at J. W. Scott's Monday.

Fire Insurance

Cold weather means forced fires. December always gives heavy and numerous fire losses. You may be next. Don't wait and be sorry. Insure now and be safe.

Rates on dwellings and household furniture in dwellings in residential districts—\$500 5 years, \$4.75, \$1,000 5 years, \$7.50.

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A REALISTIC PROPOSAL

By EDWARD L. SICKLES

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It was a day in November, the gloom without rendering the room, lighted by a fire blazing on the hearth, cheerful by contrast. I had been asked by Daisy to take a cup of tea with her at 6 o'clock. She served the tea in thin Dresden cups, her pink fingers vying with the china in delicacy. She also gave me a very thin slice of buttered bread on a little plate. Then she handed me a napkin. With the bread plate in one hand and the teacup in the other, how was I to spread the napkin on my knees? I tried to hold the dishes in one hand that I might open the napkin with the other and spilled most of the tea into the saucer. It's just like a woman to hand a man several things at once. I didn't want either the bread and butter or the tea. Besides, I expected every minute to break one of a fifty dollar ten set.

This part of it was over at last. A maid came in and removed the agony, and we settled down to a tea-tete. Daisy was young, barely eighteen. I was twenty-nine. I should have talked about some subject with a bit of meat in it, but Daisy had just emerged from childhood and was making the transit into young ladyhood. So I must follow her lead under penalty of being considered old as Methuselah. She hadn't entertained many grown men, and her dashes at the job were spasmodic. In my case she brought out a book with a lot of silly printed questions, to which persons were supposed to write stupid answers.

Not that I minded this youthful nonsense. I was getting on to that age where I wouldn't have minded going back a few pegs. Daisy opened the book, handed me a pencil with a point on it any one would know had been shaped by a woman—that is, blunt as a nail head—and asked me to write an answer to the first question, "What is your favorite color?" I looked at Daisy's lips and was about to write "vermillion" when our eyes met and I put in "blue" instead.

"How singular!" she exclaimed mildly. "That's my favorite color too."

My eyes are as black as a stack of black cats.

The next question was, "Are you fond of poetry?" to which I wrote, "I love it dearly." This was keeping in line very well, and Daisy was much impressed with my taste and the delicacy with which I expressed it, but when I came to reply to the question, "What poem do you most admire?" I blundered. I couldn't remember any poem except "Little Breeches" and it would never do to put that in. Finally "Paradise Lost" occurred to me, and I wrote it in the book.

"What kind of a paradise?" Daisy asked, cocking her head on one side and looking at me like a canary bird.

"Is that really the paradise meant in the poem?"

Evidently John Milton's great work was not familiar to her.

"I couldn't answer for that," I replied. "It's the paradise I mean."

She looked down on the book for the next question, "What trait would you most value in one you loved?" I wrote, ignoring the true meaning, "I should like her to be a blond."

"I didn't think you preferred blonds," said Daisy conclusively. "I thought you preferred brunettes."

"Why should you think that?"

"Oh, I have noticed your attentions to a brunette."

A wave of self condemnation swept over me at stooping to this "real" dialogue, but I can't say that I was bored. The next question was, "What is your favorite proverb?" To which I wrote in answer, "Faint heart never won fair lady."

There couldn't have been a proverb more inappropriate. Daisy was so unsophisticated, so tender, that she might easily be won by a circus man or a supernumerary in a theater. I groaned when I thought what I was sinking to.

But I proceeded.

"What age would you prefer the woman you would marry to be?" was the next question, and, knowing that Daisy's next birthday would come in a month, I wrote "seventeen and eleven months."

By this time Daisy's color had heightened a bit and her shapely bosom was rising and falling a trifle more rapidly than usual. I turned the leaves to the part where were the questions for women and, pointing to a column beginning with the question, "What is your favorite flower?" asked her to do a little answering herself. But in handing her the book my hand touched hers.

That was the beginning of the second part. She took the pencil and tremblingly wrote an answer to the question.

"Yes."

"You have made me very happy," I said before I had noticed that she had by mistake placed her reply in the space allotted to "Does music affect you sentimentally?" But I was glad she and I had blundered. I quietly drew her to me and kissed her lips.

That was thirty years ago. Our old est son is nearly as old as I was then. I wonder if when he asks a woman to be his wife—the most important negotiation in life—he will go about it in the fool way I did. Why cannot young persons do this thing with some approach to dignity?

Because it is the only part of marriage that civilization has left to a natural law.